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Campus-Wide Input Sought as Current Strategic Plan Undergoes Review, Update

At President Dan Mote's request, Senior Vice President and Provost Gregory Geoffroy and College Park Senate Chair William Walters have appointed a 15-member committee of staff, faculty and students to review and update the university's strategic plan, "Charting a Path to Excellence," by the end of the current academic year.

Geoffroy is chairing the committee, which will first review the existing five strategic initiatives established in 1996 to determine if they are still appropriate or should be modified or replaced. The committee will then be asked to define action steps for each initiative.

way in the three and a half years since 'Charting a Path to Excellence' was published," Geoffroy says. "Thanks to the vision and dedication of those who developed that plan, our reputation is soaring, and we can approach the future with great confidence."

"We also have a vastly different environment as we emerge from a period of very restricted resources into a time when the support of state leadership is both wide and deep," says Geoffroy. "To maintain this momentum, we must ensure that we are following a strategic direction to success."

The strategic planning process will include meetings of the committee with Mote, as well as the Senate Executive Committee and the Council of Deans, who will be asked in turn to consult with their department chairs.

It will also be helpful to receive as much input as possible from the university community at this early stage, says Geoffroy. The provost's office has

established a Web site for that purpose, at www.inform.umd.edu/EdRes/provost/Strategic_Planning/, where visitors can review the outline of the existing strategic plan, follow links to the full strategic plan and other relevant documents and provide instant e-mail opinions via the Web.

By the end of the fall semester, the committee will begin writing a draft plan to be published for public comment early in the spring semester. Geoffroy says the goal of the committee is to produce, by the end of the spring semester, a new document reflecting the vision of the university's new leadership as well as that of the university community.

The campus community can also provide comments and suggestions about the strategic planning process directly to

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The initiatives in the 1996 plan are:

- Offer high-quality education to outstanding undergraduates.
- Build cornerstone programs of excellence in graduate education and research.
- Increase the university's contribution to society.
- Encourage entrepreneurship.
- Rationalize resource allocation and administrative operations.

Geoffroy stresses the committee will not be able to do the job alone.

"The success of this process will depend on the degree of involvement of the entire university," Geoffroy says. "We are seeking input from everyone on campus to help us take advantage of new opportunities."

Since the last strategic plan was enacted, notes Geoffroy, the university has a new president, new provost and six new deans. "We have come a long

Convocation 1999



Former Pres. William E. Kirwan (2nd from left) joined Pres. Dan Mote at the convocation ceremony Oct. 12 to honor Ira Berlin and Millard Alexander, the first recipients of the Kirwan Undergraduate Education Award and the Kirwan Faculty Research and Scholarship Prize, respectively. The awards were created by Kirwan and his wife Patricia Harper Kirwan in 1998 as a gift to the university.

University Not Bugged by Y2K

Staff and faculty can celebrate the arrival of the year 2000 without worrying about how the dreaded Y2K problem will affect them, at least in the work place.

All of the university's business systems, including payroll, accounts payable, the human resources system, the financial accounting system and all the student information and financial systems will work normally when the clock hits midnight and the new year begins, university officials say.

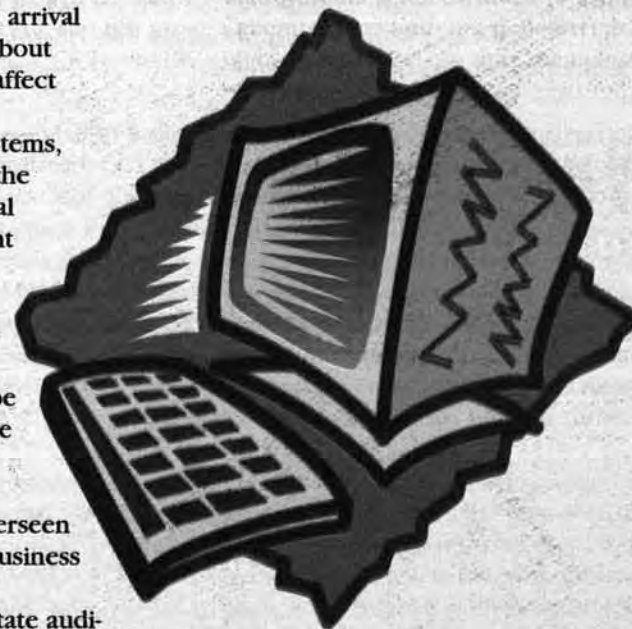
"We're very confident there will be nothing of a magnitude that will have an impact on service delivery," says Butch Reinke of the Office of Information Technology, who has overseen the certification of the university's business systems.

President Dan Mote reported to state auditors on Sept. 30 all university systems are compliant with Y2K standards, having passed rigorous and extensive tests.

Reinke says that doesn't mean everything is perfect.

"There will be minor glitches, but nothing that will affect the delivery of services to the university community," he says. "I doubt we have caught every possible problem, but certainly all major problems have been corrected."

But the vast majority of the campus community won't even be aware of any problems that do arise. "We might have something go wrong that will take a few hours to get back on line," Reinke says. That will be long before



most people return from their holiday breaks in January.

Reinke predicts the university's infrastructure, including communications, security systems, elevators, heating and other systems also will operate without a hitch.

In addition, the major entities that supply the university with such needs as electrical, telephone and financial services have certified they also are Y2K compliant and will not shut down at the witching hour, Reinke says.

The only group on campus for which confidence is less than 100 percent is a small

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"This approach in quantum computing has a great deal of potential. It points us in the right direction. The question is whether superconducting devices have the properties needed to build a quantum computer. I think they do, and we'll be able to take this and build a quantum computer." —Chris Lobb, associate director of the university's superconductivity research center, in an Aug. 12 UPI story about new designs for futuristic computers that will be millions of times faster than modern computers and much, much smaller to boot.

"If you have five computers for five kids, you'll find them all five clumped around one computer. They want shoulder-to-shoulder collaboration, not an individual experience." —Allison Druin, of the Human-Computer Interaction Laboratory, in an Aug. 24 story on "Fox On-Line" about the potential dangers of diminishing human contact as computers become more and more important in daily life.

"By extending affluence to children, by giving them computers and spending money, by making them consumers and therefore members of the marketplace, we have given them access to an adult world and an adult culture. We will have to learn to live with the consequences of that." —James Gilbert, professor of history, in a New Republic article cited in the Aug. 8 Miami Herald.

"My ultimate concern is the effect on proliferation. People here have gone nuts. They trumpet a perception of U.S. vulnerability to chemical and biological weapons, whether or not that is the case, and they are likely to stimulate the interest of other states and terrorists in such weapons." —Milton Leitenberg, visiting professor in the Center for International and Security Studies, in an Aug. 27 Financial Times (London) article about American over-reaction to the potential of bioterrorism.

"One of the big changes that has happened in the past decade is that parents at every socioeconomic level feel that a quality education will improve a child's life chances. That's a big change in the culture, and the change is now shaping the debate." —William Galston, professor of public affairs, in an Aug. 30 article in U.S. News and World Report about the rise in concern about education as an issue in America.

"The census data has been the one consistent piece of data we could all use over time. Especially with trends, we had the same thing to compare to. When I think about them leaving [data collection] up to the states, individuals or universities, you are going to have so much variation you're not going to be able to make the same kind of comparisons. It really is of concern to us." —Bonnie Braun, assistant professor in family studies, in an Aug. 31 Washington Times article about the impact on researchers of a U.S. Census Bureau decision to reduce the number of households asked about marital status in the 2000 census.

"There [are] questions about lying, about things as mundane as littering... Women are consistently more likely to say that these sorts of behaviors are never acceptable." —Stephen Knack, faculty research assistant in economics, during an Aug. 31 interview on ABC's "World News Tonight," in a story about whether men or women are more trustworthy.

"In fact, in Bangladesh, the garments industry, which had expanded greatly with exports due to global integration, played a significant role in reducing the country's poverty. And ironically, it was the threat of "anti-globalization" sanctions from the U.S., rather than globalization, that harmed the children." —Arvind Panagariya, professor of economics and co-director of the Center for International Economics, in a letter to the Sept. 1 Financial Times of London arguing poverty rather than globalization is the primary cause of exploitative child labor overseas.

MIT's Evelyn Fox Keller Leads Distinguished Lecturer Discussion

Professor Evelyn Fox Keller is the next speaker in the Graduate School's Distinguished Lecturer Series. She will discuss "Theory and Practice in Contemporary Biology," Thursday, Oct. 28 at 4 p.m., in Room 1407 Chemistry Building.

Currently professor of the history and philosophy of science at MIT, Fox Keller has a Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Harvard. But she came to prominence with her biography of the belated Nobel Prize winner Barbara McClintock, "A Feeling for the Organism: The Life and Work of Barbara McClintock" (1983, W.H. Freeman), which has now been translated into several languages. Since then, she has published prolifically on the nature of scientific thought, taking psychological, philosophical, historical and feminist perspectives.

Fox Keller has worked at the interface of physics and biology and her current research is on the history and philosophy of developmental biology. She is working on a book tentatively titled "Making Sense of Life: Models

and Explanation in Developmental Biology."

The recipient of several honorary degrees and visiting professorships, Fox Keller also won a MacArthur Fellowship, and appears frequently on radio, TV and in other public domains.

Convention requires us to cast the historical specificity of scientific disciplines in terms of their technical practices or their "tool boxes," says Fox Keller. She will argue in her lecture that we need also a notion of an epistemological culture in order to properly grasp what is distinctive about particular sub-cultures of scientific life. We need to understand the particular meaning that groups of scientists give to words like knowledge, explanation, understanding and theory, says Fox Keller.



Evelyn Fox Keller

In addition to her campus lecture, Fox Keller will participate in the conference on "An American 20th Century", to be held Oct. 29-30, sponsored by the history department and the National Archives.

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members of the committee. In addition to Geoffroy, the committee includes:

Javaune Adams-Gaston, assistant dean, Office of Undergraduate Studies; Katherine Beardsley, assistant dean, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences; Nariman Farvardin, professor and chair, electrical & computer engineering; Howard Frank, dean, Robert H. Smith School of Business; James Gates, John Toll Professor of Physics; James Harris, dean, College of Arts and Humanities; Marla McIntosh,

associate dean and professor, natural resource sciences and landscape architecture; Nan Ratner, associate professor and chair, hearing and speech sciences; Joe Siegle, graduate student, public affairs; Sylvia Stewart, associate vice president, Administrative Affairs; Richard Stimpson, assistant vice president, Student Affairs; Judith Torney-Purta, professor of human development; Mark Tosso, undergraduate student, Arts and Humanities; William Walters, professor of chemistry and College Park Senate chair.

Marking Another Milestone for Health Education

Managed care, health promotion and disease prevention are concerns making more news headlines today than ever before, affecting how we live and how the world operates. The university continues to make strides to meet the demands of the health community by offering a Master of Public Health degree in community health education.

The Master of Public Health (MPH) program is a reflection of the expanding health care industry that demands more graduates in this field, and it is an important credential for public health practitioners. The university is the only public institution to offer a MPH in community health education in the metropolitan area.

"Our goal is to produce the strongest possible graduates who can make the best level of commitment to move the field forward," says Laura Wilson, professor and chair of health education.

The program has attracted students from around the world and has enrolled 22 students

for its first semester this fall. The Master of Public Health in community health education is 42 semester hours of graduate work, including a 6-unit capstone experience, which consists of an internship and a MPH project. The final project not only enables students to apply graduate course work to a specific health issue, but also pushes them a step ahead in gaining experience in advanced study.

"We want to provide quality instruction and field experience in the practical application of health education to the practice of public health. The public has a need and wants knowledge about issues that affect health and well-being," says Wilson.

Community health education MPH graduates work to meet these needs and find career opportunities at hospitals, health departments, public health agencies, health maintenance organizations, and a host of other professions in the marketplace of public health.

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This year's Homecoming theme is "Maryland Masquerade: Come Have a Ball." The celebration takes place Saturday, Oct. 30 and starts with a free Homecoming Festival, sponsored by the University of Maryland Alumni Association.

Homecoming 1999: *Maryland Masquerade*

Plenty of treats (not tricks) are in store for the campus community during the Homecoming celebration on Oct. 30.

This year's theme is "Maryland Masquerade: Come Have a Ball." One of the activities which continues the "spirited" theme is the University of Maryland Alumni Association's free Homecoming Festival for students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends. From 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., the grassy picnic area between Lot Z and the Tyser Tower entrance to Byrd Stadium will be transformed into a fun-filled, interactive area for adults and children. The Homecoming Festival will feature:

- Maryland Monster Mash, a costume contest with prizes awarded to the Most Terrifying Terrapin, Most Creative and Best Display of Terrapin Spirit;
- live music from a local band;

- karaoke;
- face painters, clowns and a fortune teller;
- free food and beverages;
- visits by Testudo, the Maryland Cheerleaders and the Maryland Marching Band; and
- a tailgate competition in Lot 1 and 2 with prizes awarded for Best Display of Terrapin Spirit, Most Terrifying Tailgate and Best Original Theme.

Festival-goers are encouraged to don their most outrageous costumes and decorate their vehicles. Grand prize winners of the tailgate and costume contests take home four floor-seat tickets to the Maryland vs. Kentucky men's basketball game.

Then at 1 p.m., get ready for some great football action when the Terps take on the Duke Blue Devils in Byrd Stadium. To purchase football tickets, call 800-462-TERP or 314-7070.



Peer-Led Senior University Offers Engaging Education without the Exams

There is another thriving academic community just around the corner from campus. University of Maryland Senior University, now in its second year, is providing continuing education for adults who are aged 50 and older.

Under the auspices of the University of Maryland Center on Aging and the Office of Continuing and Extended Education, Senior University is peer led. Members engage in learning and teaching in seminars covering a wide range of topics and interests.

Senior University is affiliated with Elderhostel, Inc., a non-profit association of approximately 300 similar institutes of learning located at colleges and universities throughout the United States that sends approximately 175,000 seniors around the world on educational adventures every year. Senior University participants praise the fellowship, activity, learning and fun of the program.

Senior University does not require formal degrees and does not administer exams or term papers. It is a friendly environment in which senior citizens can meet new people, stay apprised of current events and utilize campus resources. "You come, you meet a lot of new people," says Charlotte Hartman, a Senior University member. "You talk about whatever you want."

"I have my master's from Maryland, and I wanted to be involved again, but I didn't want to deal with the expense or demands of enrolling," says member Joyce Meucci.

The seminars at Senior University touch on every area of education. Members can participate in "study groups" on writing, politics, health, foreign languages, genealogy, literature, computers and gardening, to name a few.

Ed Bersbach, self-confessed "political junkie," particularly enjoyed a recent discussion about the upcoming presidential election. In a study group on "what's hot," he listened intently as Eileen Kyle, a former high school teacher, and Joseph Sullivan, former specialist in Asian affairs with the U.S. Information Agency and senior editor of the Voice of America, led the discussion.

Like other Senior University members, Bersbach appreciates that everyone is knowledgeable and has the same commitment to life-long learning. "Part of it is structured, and part is unstructured," says Bersbach. This combination of elements leads to a balanced learning environment.

Guest instructors come from campus as well, and Senior University encourages faculty and staff to participate. One study group, "Riches Revealed," is conducted by University Libraries curators, and another study group was developed by service learning students from the department of health education.

Outside of such serious topics as politics and genealogy, Senior University members also do

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things for sheer pleasure. At lunchtime, dubbed "Brown Bag Café," they have more time for socializing about less scholarly things. Occasionally, they have scheduled walks around campus. And there are tours of gardens and museums, arts events, restaurant outings, classic movies and social gatherings.

Upcoming events include a tour of the National Archives and the Corcoran Art Gallery. In December, members can enjoy the second part of the Jessica Tandy movie festival and celebrate the holiday season at the annual holiday celebration.

There are about 150 members of University of Maryland Senior University, according to coordinator Sharon Simson, and 25 study groups. A \$200 fee covers fall, winter, spring and summer enrollment. Membership privileges include access to university libraries and shuttle buses. Senior University members also receive discounts on campus athletic events, the Campus Recreation Center and university performing arts events.

—DAVID ABRAMS



Senior University members Charlotte Hartman, Joyce Meucci and Charlie Campbell take a break from their seminars to socialize at the university's "Brown Bag Café."

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4 p.m. Physics Colloquium: "Far-out Surface Science: Role of Surface Phenomena in the Formation of Tenuous Planetary Atmospheres," Theodore Madey, Rutgers University. 1410 Physics Bldg.

5 p.m. "The Basics and Beyond: Steps in Library Research," covers learning how to define a research topic, and emphasizes selecting and searching databases to find periodical articles and other materials 4133 McKeldin Library 5-9070.

5:30 p.m. Faculty, Graduate Student and Staff Basketball. Preinkert Gym.

8 p.m. School of Music presents the Symphonic Wind Ensemble. Chris Gekker, trumpet and John Wakefield, conductor. Colony Ballroom, Stamp Student Union.

October 20

MOCB Fall 1999 Seminar Series: The Control and Execution of Apoptosis During Drosophila Development, Kristin White, Massachusetts General Hospital. 1208 Biology - Psychology Bldg. 5-8422 or LP101@umail.umd.edu

2 p.m. "Stabilization by the Method on Controlled Lagrangians," Anthony Bloch, University of Michigan. 2460 A.V. Williams Bldg. www.isr.umd.edu/Labs/ISL/events.html.

2:30 p.m. VICTORWeb Workshop, an introduction to using VICTORWeb, the Libraries' Web-based catalog and online periodical databases. 4133 McKeldin Library. 5-9070.

4 p.m. Astronomy Colloquia: "Mapping the Accretion Structure in Seyfert Galaxies," Kim Weaver, Goddard Space Flight Center. 2400 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg.

7:30 p.m. University Community Band. This ensemble offers both students and community members the opportunity to continue to play or learn new instruments. Performances on campus and in surrounding venues occur throughout the year. Emphasis is placed not only on top-notch performance, but also on camaraderie and fellowship. It is open to all players who are seriously interested in making music. 1102 Tawes Bldg. 5-5542, mb287@umail.umd.edu or www.umd.edu/bands/.

October 21

7:30-9:30 a.m. Dingman Center for Entrepreneurship: "Profiling from Intellectual Property: How to Protect and License your Entrepreneurial Ideas and Inventions," Andrew Sherman of Katten Muchin & Zavis. Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, 403-4290.

3:30 p.m. "Evaluating a Consumer Health Website's Interface: Heuristic Evaluation and Usability Testing," Keigh Cogdill, College of Library and Information Services and James Reggia, computer science department. 2460 A.V. Williams Bldg.

4 p.m. Committee of the History and Philosophy of Science Colloquium Series: "Revisiting the Great Experiment: Western Intellectuals and the Soviet Union for Cultural Ties Abroad," Michael David Fox, history department. 1117 Francis Scott Key Bldg.

8 p.m. University Theatre: "Once on This Island," a new musical book by Lynn Ahrens, music by Stephen Flaherty based upon the novel "My Love, My Love" by Rosa Guy. Tawes Bldg. 5-2201 or www.inform.umd.edu/THET/plays.

October 22

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. "Visit Maryland Day," an open house for prospective students who are high school seniors or transfer students, and their families. Invitation only. Stamp Student Union, 4-8385 or um-admit@uga.umd.edu.

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Hidden Truths: Bloody Sunday 1972

The University of Maryland Art Gallery presents "Hidden Truths: Bloody Sunday 1972" in the Art/Sociology Building from Oct. 28 through Dec. 18. The exhibition will showcase photographs, painted portrait-banners, personal possessions and audio and video documentation from Bloody Sunday,

when 14 civil rights marchers were killed by British Troops in Derry, Ireland, on Jan. 30, 1972.

Curated by Trisha Ziff of Mexico City, the exhibition will open Oct. 28 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a panel discussion titled "Bloody Sunday Revealed: Unmasking Misinformation Towards a Truth." Speakers will include Elaine Brotherton, Don Mullan, Phillip Brookman, Peter Pringle and Harry Mattison.

The exhibition is free and open to the public. The Art Gallery is wheelchair accessible, and translation for the hearing impaired can be provided with advance notice. For more information call 405-2763 or visit the Art Gallery Website at www.inform.umd.edu/ArtGal.



Boots worn by Patrick Doherty who was murdered on Bloody Sunday. Photographed by Jarlath Kearney, 1997



Installation View of Hidden Truths at the Somar Gallery in San Francisco.

October 24

1-4 p.m. "Introduction to Microsoft Excel," introduces spreadsheet basics of how to: enter values and text, create formulas, understand cell addressing in absolute and relative modes, use pre-built functions, link between data, autosave work, customize printing and more. 4440 Computer & Space Sciences Bldg. 5-2938 or www.inform.umd.edu/PT.

4 p.m. School of Music, "I Hear America Singing," University of Maryland Chorale, Phillip Collister, conductor. Ulrich Recital Hall.

October 26

4 p.m. Physics Colloquium: "Strings and Geometry," Cumrun Vafa, Harvard University. 1410 Physics Bldg.

October 27

9 a.m. - 4 p.m. College of Library and Information Services Professional Development Workshop: "Leadership and Management of Archives, Records and Information Management Programs." The seminar analyzes the issues and problems faced by archives, records management and related programs, plus discuss the roles leaders and managers of these programs can play to address these needs. Registration required. 5-2057 or ra67@umail.umd.edu.

Noon. Research & Development Meeting: "Student Trends on Campus," Mara Gotfried, editor, *The Diamondback*. 0114 Counseling Center, Shoemaker Bldg.

October 28

3:30 p.m. Meteorology Seminar: "Seasonal Predictions with NASA/GEOS-2 General Circulation Model," Siegfried Schubert, data assimilation office, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center. 2400 Computer and Space Sciences Bldg.

4 p.m. Distinguished Lecturer Series: "Theory and Practice in Contemporary Biology," Evelyn Fox Keller, MIT. 1407 Chemistry Lecture Hall.

Calendar Guide

Calendar phone numbers listed as 4-xxxx or 5-xxxx stand for the prefix 314- or 405. Events are free and open to the public unless noted by an asterisk (*). Calendar information for Outlook is compiled from a combination of inform's master calendar and submissions to the Outlook office. To reach the calendar editor, call 405-7615 or e-mail Outlook@accmail.umd.edu.

Play's the Thing



The PlayStation GameMobile rolled onto campus Oct. 13, stopping to spend the day in front of Cole Field House. This traveling arcade gave Maryland students a chance to try new PlayStation games for free on any of the 15 interactive stations inside. Students also had the chance of winning different prizes, including hats, keychains, demo discs and t-shirts.



Alumni Awards Nominations

The University of Maryland Alumni Association is currently seeking nominations for its major awards. These awards offer a significant way to recognize the accomplishments of alumni, and thank them for their contributions to the Alumni Association, the university, as well as national and international communities. Award recipients are selected using the criteria below, by the Awards and Recognition Committee of the Alumni Association Board of Governors.

1. The President's Distinguished Alumnus Award is presented annually to an alumna/us of the university who has achieved national recognition for excellence in his/her profession or field of endeavor.

2. The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award is presented annually to a recent alumna/us of the university—up to ten years out—who has distinguished himself/herself both personally and professionally.

3. The International Alumnus Award is presented annually to an alumna/us of the university who has achieved international recognition for excellence in his/her profession or field of endeavor.

4. The Abram Z. Gottwals Award is presented

annually to an alumna/us who has provided service and promoted the welfare of the university and the Alumni Association over a period of years.

5. The Ralph J. Tyser Medallion is presented annually to an alumna/us who has provided unique and significant service to the university.

6. Honorary Membership is presented annually to a non-graduate who has provided outstanding service to the university and the Alumni Association over a period of years.

Nominations must include the nominee's and nominator's name, address, home and work phone, e-mail and class year, along with the nominator's statement or resume for the nominee. Nominations should be submitted by Nov. 1 to Deirdre Bagley at e-mail: dbagley@wam.umd.edu; fax: 314-9952; or mail: Director of Training and Development, University of Maryland Alumni Association, 3127 Lee Building, College Park MD 20742. Nominations can be made by visiting the Web site at: www.inform.umd.edu/alumni/AlumniPrograms/nomination.html.

Women's Golf Added to Varsity Sports Roster

The Terps are one team stronger in the quest for great sports programs at the University of Maryland. The first-ever women's golf team is hard at work in its first season on campus and has already competed in several tournaments. The addition of the women's golf program makes 25 total varsity teams for Maryland, 13 of those for women athletes.

Established in 1998, the team consists of eight women, two juniors and six freshmen.

Women's golf is a year-round sport beginning on the first day of classes in the fall semester and ending in late October. Similarly, in the spring, the season begins the first day of classes and ends in April. Practice for the team takes place at 2 p.m. every day on the University of Maryland Golf Course and also includes workouts twice a week.

The team has held up well

in competition this fall considering the age, strength and experience of its members, compared to more mature teams. "Our women's programs are second to none," says head coach Jason Rodenhaver, making reference to Maryland's women's lacrosse and field hockey teams. "We want to contribute."

Rodenhaver was chosen in November 1998 to lead the women's golf team. He is the former assistant coach of the men's golf team and an assistant golf professional at the University of Maryland Golf Course.

The team hopes to continue making improvements. With the full backing of the athletic department and an enthusiastic team, Rodenhaver predicts the team will soon be nationally ranked.

—ERIN MADISON



The women's golf team takes practice every day at the University of Maryland Golf Course. Pictured above is team member Erin Clasper perfecting her golf swing on the driving range.

State Legislative Candidates Favor Campaign Finance Reform

As the debate over campaign reform heats up in Congress, a new survey of recent state legislative candidates finds strong support for changing the way the current political system works with most favoring full disclosure of all campaign finances, as well as free media time and free postage for candidates.

The views of these state candidates have powerful implications for the federal debate as the states have long been viewed as laboratories for reform. Additionally, many future members of Congress will likely be drawn from the ranks of the legislative candidates polled in this study.

The survey report released earlier this month, "State Legislative Candidates Support Campaign Reform," shows nearly 70 percent of 364 recent candidates support full and instant disclosure of all campaign finances. Strong support for this reform held up among incumbents, challengers, open-seat candidates, winners and losers, Democrats and Republicans, and candidates who hold differing views on the impact of money on election results.

The survey, conducted by the university and *Campaigns and Elections* magazine, also found two-thirds favor giving candidates free media time or free postage. Consensus beyond these points was harder to find, but the candidates showed significant support for limiting interest group activity and providing public funding for campaigns. They were sharply divided over lowering, raising or eliminating campaign contribution limits. Paul Herrnson, professor of government and

politics and one of the study's directors, notes while Congress continues to struggle with the reform issue, this survey indicates the prospects for change seem much brighter at the state level.

"The time is ripe for changing the way campaigns are waged," says Herrnson. "Sixty percent of all state legislative candidates are dissatisfied with the current system and believe change is necessary."

Democrats, challengers, open-seat candidates and those who lost their election all strongly support enacting some sort of campaign finance reform. Approximately half of all Republicans, incumbents and election winners also favor changing the system.

The changes they favor do not all center on money. More than 80 percent of those surveyed favor holding more candidate debates, a change that does not require legislative action. "These findings should empower civic groups such as the League of Women Voters and Chambers of Commerce to sponsor more of these events," says Herrnson.

Ron Faucheux, editor-in-chief of *Campaigns and Elections* magazine, concurs, stating: "Regardless of the ultimate fate of legislative reform and changes, there seems to be a consensus among recent legislative candidates that higher standards of campaign conduct are necessary. This survey provides a benchmark as to how candidates themselves view the propriety and acceptability of campaign conduct, which is the first step toward elevating it."

The candidates also support some voting law

reforms. Large majorities of all groups of candidates favor making it easier for voters to use absentee ballots. A majority favor enacting multi-day or early balloting provisions. Support for voting by mail or election day registration is significantly lower.

The survey also probed variations in the level of support for reform among different categories of candidates. Incumbency, election outcome, perceptions of the importance of money in campaigns and party affiliation all have a statistically significant impact on candidate satisfaction with the campaign finance system and their preferences for reform.

The survey found losers somewhat more likely to favor full and instant disclosure of campaign finances than winners, though almost two-thirds of winners are supportive of this change. The most partisan results were registered on the issue of public funding for campaigns. Sixty-one percent of Democrats believe this would be an effective means of improving campaigns compared to 26 percent of Republicans.

The nationwide telephone survey of candidates for state legislative candidates was conducted in June 1999 and was funded with a grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts. The survey was based on a representative sample of candidates who ran for the state legislature between 1996 and 1998. More information about the study is available at: www.bsos.umd.edu/gvpt/herrnson/outreach.html

Faculty and Friends Celebrate 4-H Center's 10th Anniversary

Nearly 200 friends of 4-H recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of the university's Maryland State 4-H Center and more than 90 years of 4-H programming in the state. They gathered outside the center, on the corner of Metzger Road and Greenmead Drive, Oct. 9 to view 4-H exhibits and displays from around the state, enjoy a dessert buffet, and listen to speakers reminisce about the organization's past and enthuse about its future.

Maryland 4-H is part of Maryland Cooperative Extension, which is, in turn, part of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources (AGNR). Youth programs are developed, facilitated and conducted by AGNR 4-H faculty both at the center and at extension offices in every county and the city of Baltimore with the help of nearly 4,000 trained adult and teen volunteers. Thanks to their efforts, 4-H reaches nearly 45,000 Maryland young people between the ages of 5 and 18. Several faculty, volunteers and 4-H members were on hand for the celebration. They were joined by numerous other 4-H supporters and enthusiasts, including USM Chancellor Donald Langenberg; James Moxley Jr., president, Security Development Corporation; Edward Downey, CEO, Downey Communications; and Maryland Secretary of Agriculture Henry Virts.

"We have a lot to celebrate—all that 4-H has been, all that 4-H is, and all that 4-H is yet to be," Virts told the crowd. "Success is a result not of lighting a fire under someone, but of kindling a fire within," Virts added. "Maryland 4-H kindles fires within young people."

Langenberg expressed his appreciation of 4-H and described it as an example of the unique and important role volunteers play in American society. AGNR Dean Thomas Fretz emphasized that 4-H is a key element of the university's mandate of land-grant service to the state.

Even in the midst of the celebration, there was a reminder that the job of 4-H is far from done. Reflecting on the national 4-H motto—"to make the best better"—Maryland state 4-H Leader Richard Byrne said he would like to see Maryland 4-H "make the rest better" by reaching all Maryland youth throughout the state.

If you are a former 4-H'er who would like to renew your ties or are just interested in how you can support the Maryland 4-H program, call the Maryland 4-H Center at 403-4248 or check out the Maryland 4-H Website at: www.agnr.umd.edu/CES/4H/

University Not Bugged by Y2K

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number of researchers who have not yet certified their own computers as Y2K compliant, according to Ann Prentice, dean of the College of Library and Information Science. Prentice is the university's chief Y2K compliance officer.

"Ninety-five percent of our principal investigators have told me their systems will work on Jan. 1," Prentice says. The other five percent are standalone work stations that could lose data or suffer other kinds of failures on New Year's Day if they are not compliant.

The Y2K problem has worried many people for the last several years, and billions of dollars have been spent worldwide in efforts to prevent foul-ups from occurring on Jan. 1. The problem arises from the way dates were entered in most older computer systems, many of which are still functioning.

Rather than use four digits to record a date like 1995, for example, many computer programs simply recorded the last two digits, and the computers automatically put the "19" in front. But that could mean when some older systems roll over to the year 2000, those older systems will record the date as 1900.

Predictions of the potential effects of that error range from power outages and transporta-

tion system failure to the collapse of financial systems.

The university has addressed the Y2K problem in two ways. Some systems were made compliant by simply programming them to accept four-digit years. Others were fixed by "windowing," so when two-digit dates from 00 to 50 are entered, the system will put "20" in front of them.

Reinke says most experts in the United States believe the year 2000 will not have a major impact on systems within the U.S., but he says

the university has been well ahead of the situation for several years. When the university changed platforms from HP to IBM in the late 1980s, the people who managed the university's data-bases ensured the Y2K problem was brought under control at that time.

"That solved all the student information problems right then," Reinke says. "Student information systems are among the most complex in the university."

In spite of the high degree of confidence in the university's readiness, a team of officials will stay on campus New Year's Eve to monitor the various computer

systems for which they are responsible and to monitor off-campus systems whose failure could affect university operations. *Outlook* will report on those efforts later in the fall semester.

The only group on campus for which confidence is less than 100 percent is a small number of researchers who have not yet certified their own computers as Y2K compliant

Ann Prentice,

chief Y2K officer for the university

A closer look

Orientation Office

If you have ever wondered how incoming students become full-fledged Terps, look no further than the hard-working staff at the Orientation Office. Temporarily housed in Holzapfel Hall, this office does much more than answer questions and give tours to freshmen.

With a staff composed of administrators and graduate and undergraduate students, the mission of the Orientation Office is to ease the transition of all new students into the University of Maryland campus community, says Gerry Strumpf, director of orientation.

During the summer, when most of the campus is taking a break, the Orientation Office is hard at work with two-day freshman orientation programs, one-day transfer student programs and weekly programs for parents and family members. During these programs, the students get their first taste of life at Maryland. They are introduced to many campus groups, including Campus Parking, Resident Life and Dining Services. They also meet faculty in their specific college and register for classes.

"Summer programs are where the

basic needs of all new students are met," says Strumpf. Approximately 2500 parents and family members also attend the orientation programs, and the office strives to ensure all families will feel comfortable when their student comes to Maryland in the fall.

When the summer ends, the real transition to college begins for new students, and the Orientation Office continues helping them adjust. One example is the locator service, made available to all students during the first two days of classes. This service consists of several staffed booths, located across campus, where new students are given directions or help finding their classes. Many campus personnel, including President Dan Mote, worked this year to help students find their way.

Another way the Orientation Office lives up to its mission is through EDCP 108-O, The Student in the University, a class offered to incoming freshmen every fall. The class was first offered in 1986 as a way for students to discuss the issues related to college transitions with their peers and help them

become acclimated to campus.

Strumpf and Bill Higgins, then the retention coordinator, devised the plan for the EDCP 108-O and offered five one-credit sections the first year. Today, more than 90 sections of the class are offered to first-year students every year. A recent addition to this concept is UNIV 101, a two-credit class based on the philosophy of EDCP, which teaches students vital computer and technology skills.

One of the strongest assets of the Orientation Office is its student employees. Whether acting as summer orientation advisers, office personnel or teaching assistants in EDCP and UNIV, the student staff is at the center of the office's success, says Strumpf. The student staff members often make a

unique connection with the incoming students by providing a realistic perspective stemming from their own personal experiences. "They represent the kind of people the incoming students want to be," Strumpf says.

The Orientation Office works with nearly every other office on campus, serving as a link between the new students and the faculty, the administration, Resident Life and many others. With new programs and opportunities each year, the office strives to make adjusting to Maryland even easier.

"I have the best job on campus," says Strumpf, enthusiastically restating the mission of the office. "I get to connect students to the campus community."

—ERIN MADISON



Orientation advisers, like the one pictured above leading a tour, often tell incoming freshmen about the history of Testudo during their tour of campus.

Taishoff Collection Added to Broadcasting Library's Holdings

The papers of the late Sol Taishoff, one of broadcasting's most influential voices, are now in the Pioneers Library of American Broadcasting (LAB) in Hornbake Library thanks to the generosity of family members. Second only to the Arthur Godfrey Collection at LAB, this newest collection promises to be a boon to media scholars.

From his unique position as co-founder and editor of *Broadcasting* magazine, Taishoff was involved in every facet of the industry. His personal relationships with both lawmakers and executives are documented in the collection through extensive correspondence. Although as vociferous a supporter of commercial broadcasting as he was an opponent of federal regulation, Taishoff nevertheless befriended Federal Communications Commission heads as well as politicians from both political parties.

To mark the official opening of the Taishoff Collection, a special ceremony was held at the LAB

presided over by Dean of Libraries Charles Lowry and including Lawrence (Larry) Taishoff, a former publisher of *Broadcasting* and son of the magazine's founder; Ward Quaal, a family friend and a board member of the Broadcast Pioneers Educational Fund (BPEF); and Ramsey Woodworth, BPEF Board President. Lowry presented Larry Taishoff with a bound copy of the guide to his father's papers.

As editor-in-chief of *Broadcasting* for 51 years, Sol Taishoff guided the magazine from its 1931 beginnings, when radio was barely out of its infancy, through decades which saw its spectacular growth. In the mid-1940s he reported on the early development of television, in the 1960s on the development of cable television, and a decade later on satellite distribution. So uncannily prophetic was *Broadcasting*, that at the time of Sol Taishoff's death in 1982, the magazine was already referring to the "new information age."



Sol Taishoff, editor-in-chief of *Broadcasting* magazine, befriended many of Washington's power elite, including President Jimmy Carter, pictured with Taishoff above.

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An American Twentieth Century

A two-day conference, "An American Twentieth Century" takes place 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29 at the University College Inn and Conference Center, with an evening round table from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The conference continues Saturday, Oct. 30 at the National Archives II, from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This conference features lectures and discussions by 17 historians and other scholars in an assessment of the role of the United States in the 20th Century.

For more information, please contact James Gilbert at 405-4308 or jg19@umail.umd.edu or access the complete program at www.inform.umd.edu/HIST/HistoryCenter. Click on the "news and announcements" button and then click on the "20th Century Conference" line.

MAC to Millennium

Want to know more about the history of Testudo? Can you name five famous alumni of the University of Maryland? And who was Adele Stamp, for whom the Union was named?

The answers to these and many other questions about campus reside in "University of Maryland A to Z: MAC to Millennium," a new online publication mounted by the University Archives staff. This document, a compilation of interesting, fun and useful facts about the campus, illustrated with more than 50 images, can be found at www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/ARCV/macmil/intro.html.

For more information about this publication or the University Archives contact University Archivist Anne Turkos at 405-9060 or at17@umail.umd.edu.

Native Tongue Talk

The Maryland English Institute provides full- and part-time English language instruction to international students on campus. One of the classes offered, English Pronunciation, is required of some international teaching assistants before they can teach classes, labs or recitation sections.

This semester, the English Pronunciation instructor has assigned an interview project. The goal of this assignment is to provide students positive experiences interacting with faculty or staff members who are native speakers of English.

Volunteers are still needed to participate in the project. Volunteers will be interviewed one time by one student, sometime between Oct. 18 and

Nov. 22, at your convenience.

Interviews last 15-20 minutes.

If you would like to volunteer for the interview project, contact the instructor, Nina Liakos, by e-mail, NL5@umail or by phone, 405-0461.

Those Good Citations

The Libraries welcome faculty and graduate students to a free demonstration and hands-on workshop of the multidisciplinary database "Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI)" on the Web. The session takes place Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. to noon, in Room 4135 McKeldin Library.

SSCI allows searching for articles by subject, author and journal, and includes the cited reference list of an article and articles that cite an author or work. Participants will learn the skills needed to perform easy and full searches in SSCI. A discussion of cautionary considerations for using cited reference information is included.

Advance registration is required by completing the registration form at: www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/UES/seminar-f.html. Other Fall 399 Electronic Resource Seminars are listed at: www.lib.umd.edu/UMCP/UES/seminar.html.

Management for the 21st Century

The Instructional Television System is sponsoring a short course, "Management for the 21st Century: From Task Efficiency to Supply Chain Effectiveness," with Roy Schuyler of the Dupont Corporation. His talk takes place Friday, Oct. 29, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the ITV Building (Building 045 on Campus Map).

In this course, Schuyler discusses changes taking place in today's business environment, including leadership values, the difference between efficiency and effectiveness, use of data systems to support supply chain functions and continuous improvement models.

The cost of this program is \$95 for USM faculty, staff and students. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided for participants.

For more information and to register, contact ITV's Professional Development Office at 405-4911 or ITVPD@eng.umd.edu.

Gene-Exercise Research

Sedentary male and post-menopausal female volunteers in good general health between the ages of 50 and 70 years are needed to participate in a supervised exercise training study

examining the effects of genetics on exercise training-induced improvements in blood cholesterol levels. Recruitment of volunteers continues through December 1999, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., in Room 2237 Health and Human Performance Building. Short telephone screening can determine eligibility.

For more information, contact Dana Phares, study coordinator, at 405-2571, or db240@umail.umd.edu

Updated Campus Maps are Here

The popular and colorful 11" x 17" campus maps have been updated and are available at Visitor Services at a cost of \$11 for a pad of 100 maps. You may order them in one of two ways:

- Mail an Internal Services Request form to Visitor Services, 1101 Memorial Chapel, for \$11 times the number of pads you want. The pads will be mailed to you. Allow five days for the process.

- Take an Internal Services Request form to 1101 Memorial Chapel, completed in the same manner and receive the pad(s) on the spot. However, call first (314-9866) to make sure there are enough pads in stock to satisfy your order.

Questions? Call Nick Kovalakides, Campus Visitor Advocate, at 314-9866.

Teaching Theaters Proposals

Proposals for use of the Teaching Theaters, both full-semester and partial-semester, for the Fall 2000 semester are currently being accepted. Proposals are due by midnight, Nov. 5.

For more information, contact Chris Higgins at 405-5190 or chiggins@deans.umd.edu or visit the web page at www.inform.umd.edu/TT.

Computer Skills Training

The Office of Information Technology is offering faculty and staff computer training in "Introduction to Microsoft Word," Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Participants with basic knowledge of the Windows operating system will learn to create, edit, format and save documents.

There is a fee of \$75 for training and course materials. Seating is limited and web-based preregistration at www.inform.umd.edu/ShortCourses is required.

Questions about course content can be directed to oit-training@umail.umd.edu. Questions about registration can be directed to the OIT Library at 405-4261.

Registrations will be processed in the order in which they are received and confirmation notices will be sent within 72 hours of receipt of the electronic registration form.

Electronic Workplace Readiness

The Division of Administrative Affairs is offering classes designed to prepare campus staff for the electronic workplace. These three-and-one-half-hour classes are led by industry professionals and focus on developing the basic Windows and Netscape browsing skills essential for the Electronic Workplace. The cost is \$50, payable to

the Department of Personnel Services via an ISR, which can be brought to the class.

The classes are being offered in the new Patapsco Training Facility on:

Wednesday, Oct. 20 from 8:30 a.m. to noon, or from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

To enroll call 405-1101 or e-mail bbattagl@accmail.umd.edu. Directions to the Patapsco Building will be provided upon registration or at the web-site: www.acctrain.umd.edu/ework.

Distinguished Scholar-Teacher Nominees

The Distinguished Scholar-Teacher program honors tenured faculty members who have demonstrated major scholarly achievements along with equally outstanding accomplishments as educators. DSTs receive a \$5,000 award to support instructional and scholarly activities and present a lecture on a topic within their scholarly interest.

Nominations may be made by any full-time permanent faculty member and should state the nominee's qualifications for the award. In particular, the nomination letter should convey special qualities as an educator and researcher, indications of influential achievements, notable awards and other forms of recognition.

The deadline for nominations is Nov. 15, and they should be submitted to Rhonda Malone, Assistant to the Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs, 1119 Main Admin. Bldg. For additional information, contact her at 405-2509 or rmalone@deans.umd.edu

Chinese Policy Priorities

The Institute for Global Chinese Affairs invites you to attend a talk, "Chinese Policy Priorities: Implications for the United States" featuring Robert Sutter, National Intelligence Officer for East Asia, National Security Council. The event takes place Thursday, Oct. 21, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. in Francis Scott Key Hall, Room 0106.

Please respond with your reservation by Tuesday, Oct. 19, to Rebecca McGinnis, tel: 405-0213; fax: 405-0219; or e-mail rm165@umail.umd.edu.

Mozart and Brahms

The University of Maryland Chorus presents its Mozart/Brahms Concert Sunday, Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. in Memorial Chapel. Directed by Jesse Parker, the chorus performs Mozart's "Requiem" and Brahms' "Naenie" with the Annapolis Symphony Orchestra and soloists Deborah Stephens, Leneida Crawford, Bryce Westervelt and David Brundage.

For tickets call 405-5570. Discounts available to Senior Citizens (65+) and University of Maryland students, faculty and staff.

Learn to Swim

Sign up for "Learn to Swim" classes this week at the Campus Recreation Center. Classes are offered for ages 6 months to adult, and begin Oct. 25.

For more information, call 405-PLAY.